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Nevada OSHA honors Workers' Memorial Day

Today, April 28 is Workers' Memorial Day. It's an occasion for reflection and remembrance of the workers who have needlessly suffered fatal injuries on the job, as well as the suffering that their friends, families and communities have endured. We also think of those workers who have been seriously injured or sickened as a result of preventable workplace hazards.

Throughout Nevada, 19 workplace fatalities were reported and investigated by Nevada OSHA in 2013.

"We aren't ever prepared to say goodbye to the people we love, but even less so when we send our loved ones off for a day's work," said NV OSHA Chief Administrative Officer John Wanamaker. "The intent of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Act is to ensure that all workers come home safely at the end of each workday. We at Nevada OSHA firmly believe that workplace injuries and fatalities are entirely preventable. In the 41 years since the Act was enacted, we have made tremendous progress, but our steadfast mission to make every job in America a safe job must continue."

Employers, employees, business leaders, trade organizations and communities all have a responsibility to do their respective parts to ensure that workplace practices promote safe and healthful working conditions. The Safety Consultation and Training Section (SCATS) of the Division of Industrial Relations provides free safety consultation services to employers to address areas of concern.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends that have lost a loved one on the job. At SCATS, we work diligently to ensure that all Nevadans that work to earn a living can do just that. We partner with employers to identify areas of concern to prevent serious illness and injury. I encourage all employers to utilize our services, which are provided free of charge," said Todd Shultz, SCATS CAO.

On this day of remembrance, the Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Nevada Safety Consultation and Training Section, honors the 19 fallen workers and their families.

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